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available? If the Hon. Minister is convinced that Government can get rented buildings in other towns in Malabar, will the Government try to retain the Centre at Parli?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the main point about this decision is that there are no trainees to be trained in the Parli Centre. Trainees from Malabar will be available in July 1956 and as I have said already, we will consider which would be the best place to start the Centre again.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: In view of the feelings that have been aroused by the closure of this centre and the unsatisfactory reply given by the Minister, I request the Hon. Speaker to allow a half-hour debate on this issue. 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I am unable to understand, appreciate, or sympathise with, the feelings of people who want the continuance of a centre which had no work. Perhaps the hon. Member has got sympathy with the owner of the building who would be losing rent because of the closure of this centre.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: The Hon. Minister can insinuate as he likes. But I know the feelings of the people of the area more than he. We feel that the Government have created a situation leading to the closure of this centre. In view of the feelings that have been aroused by the closure, I reiterate my request for allowing a half-hour debate.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Though it is within the discretion of the Chair to grant or refuse the request, I may submit that I have made a very exhaustive statement explaining the reasons behind the Government's decision and that I will not be able to add anything useful to what I have already said.

MR. SPEAKER: In view of the statement made by the Hon. Minister and in view of the fact that to-day we have no time for a half-hour debate, I am unable to concede the request.

Madras-Andhra border disputes

MR. SPEAKER: The next question is a short notice question by Sri K. Vinayakam regarding border issues. This has been fully answered in the replies to the large number of supplementary questions on question No. 3096. In view of this fact, does the Member propose to put the question?

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: I have only one supplementary question and if that is answered, there will be an end of it. Now that the Madras Government are of opinion that they can solve the border disputes by negotiation or mutual talk with the Andhra Government, will they at least write to the Andhra Government to come to Madras for talks as early as possible? If the matter is left to the Andhra Government, they will take their own time.

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To show their sincerity for solving this problem, will the Madras Government please write immediately inviting the Andhra Government for talks?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No proof is necessary to establish our sincerity in this matter, and that question does not arise at all. We have already written to the Central Government that a boundary commission should be appointed. That request has not yet been rejected. The question of writing to the Andhra Government will arise only after final decisions are taken with reference to the various territories which are in dispute like Bellary and Kolar and issues like Visalandhra.

MR. SPEAKER : Question time is over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* THE PREVALENCE OF PADDY CROP DISEASE IN TANJORE DISTRICT.

MR. SPEAKER : Under rule 40, Sri P. Venkatesha Sholagar will call the attention of the Minister for Health to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the attack of a peculiar disease known as ' Kulai Noi ' on the paddy crop in the district of Tanjore. The Hon. Minister for Health is not here. Besides, as this is a matter coming within the portfolio of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture, he will make the statement.

10-23 a.m. * SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த கொக்கி நோயினால் தஞ்சாவூரிலுள்ள சம்பாப் பயிர், தாளடிப் பயிர் முதலியவற்றுக்கு மிகுந்த சேதம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. நான் மன்னார்குடி தாலூகா விவசாய ஆபீசுக்குச் சென்று இதைப்பற்றி விசாரித்தேன். நூற்றுக்கணக்கான விவசாயிகள் இம்மாதிரியாக பூச்சியினால் வீணாகப் போய்விட்ட கதிர்களைக்கொண்டுவந்தும் காட்டினார்கள். அந்தப் பூச்சிகளிடமிருந்து பயிர்களைக் காபந்து செய்ய அவர்கள் ஒரு வழியும் சொல்லவில்லை. பெரும் அளவு புயலினாலும், வெள்ளத்திலும் சேதம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கும். அந்த ஜில்லாவில் அதிக உரம் செய்ததும், பூச்சியின் காரணமாய் சேதம் ஏற்படுவதால் விவசாயிகள் மிகவும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டு கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். பூச்சியினால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட நிலங்கள் உடையவர்களுக்கும், இன்னும் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறவர்களுக்கும் உதவி செய்வதற்காக சர்க்கார் குறைந்த பட்சம் வரி வஜாவாவது செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir " Kulai Noi " or blast disease as it is called is a very serious fungus disease on paddy and attacks the plants at different stages. If it is not checked in the initial stages through adoption of remedial measures, it may lead to chaffiness of the entire ear-head and loss of yield. The severity of the disease can be minimised by spraying the affected crops with 1 per cent Bordeaux Mixture or any copper fungicides like Perenox, Cupravite Fungi Copper (a combination of copper sulphate and lime). When the neck is affected, ear-heads become chaffy and the crop is a complete failure. In such cases the fields present a scorched-up appearance.